

SENATOR WARNER: I didn't read anything in the A bill that specifically referred to the number of people and my suggestion would be that you might want to consider if there is concern that too much administrative people would be hired, you can put a limitation within the A bill on the personal services and that automatically will put a limit on the number of people.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess I share Senator Lamb's concern and I disagree with his amendment. I am concerned that too much of this money would go to administrative costs. I think that is a very legitimate concern with these types of programs, however, I think the 15% figure is too low and to simply lift it from Minnesota and say that it's applicable to Nebraska, I don't think is quite accurate. I have a very close friend in Minneapolis who works in a spouse abuse shelter in the City of Minneapolis and that shelter was in existence before the Minnesota act passed. That state has a totally different situation than the State of Nebraska. They had on-going programs established at the local level and they were seeking for state funding to continue them. That's not the case here in Nebraska. We're having to start a program from scratch and therefore there may be more administrative cost in the first year, a higher percentage, a higher ratio in Nebraska than in Minnesota because they already had programs going. The second point, and Senator Barnett brought this out is that Minnesota's bill in the first year asked for \$500,000 in programming so the 15% was \$75,000. \$75,000 went for administrative cost. Now the bill we have before us is a much lower figure in its first year. In its second year it's been said that it will grow and at that time, limited to 15% may make sense or something along that, but right now all we're doing in the first year is trying to get a program going and in the front end of a program obviously administrative costs are going to be higher than the time you get the program started, so I don't think we're in the situation that we are in Minnesota. Now if Senator Lamb would like to add to his amendment to raise the A bill to \$500,000 so that we could get a full-fledged program the first year and keep the 15% I might support him because then the ratio might make sense, to have \$500,000 and put 15% limit on administrative cost but we're talking about a very small scale start up program. Obviously administrative costs are going to be more than 15% so I would suggest to Senator Lamb, either he raise the amount of money this year so we'd have a full-scaled program or he wait until next year to try and limit the administrative cost.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I call for the question.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do not see five hands. Yes, I do. All right. All those in favor of ceasing debating vote aye. Opposed nay. The question is shall debate cease. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Lamb, you may close.